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PETROLEUM INSTALLATIONS IN ODESSA IN SUMMER 1948

The petroleum port is located in the northern part of Odessa, in front of the part of the city called Peresyp. The port has four landing places, each 428 meters long and each 8.5 meters deep, at the embankment and docks.

The port is equipped with a railroad siding on the pier and a group of tracks on the embankment. A petroleum- and kerosene-pumping station with a capacity of 80 tons of fuel per hour is located in a reinforced-concrete building on the pier of the petroleum port. The station is equipped with five centrifugal pumps which operate on the city current but can use their own diesel installation in case of emergency.

Two tank farms are located near the petroleum port, one containing eight tanks with a total capacity of 11,500 tons, the other, three tanks with a total capacity of 6,300 tons. All these tanks are old, made of iron, half underground, and protected by brick walls.

A tank farm for petroleum products, containing six round tanks with a total capacity of 14,250 tons, is located at the commercial railroad station of Odessa-Peresyp. It is connected with the main petroleum pipeline by a branch railroad line.

A small tank farm with a capacity of 6,000 tons is situated at the commercial railroad station of Bakhmach and is also connected with the main petroleum pipeline by a branch railroad line.

North of the commercial railroad station of Bakhmach lies the largest tank farm in Odessa, consisting of 12 large, round, iron tanks with a total capacity of 30,000 tons, situated half underground, and protected by a brick wall and an earthen embankment. This tank farm has its own pumping station. It has both highway and railroad branch lines and is connected with the main pipeline.

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The large Krekits Petroleum Refinery, producing a light aviation gasoline and located northwest of the city in the wastelands, is provided with the most modern equipment. The plant has its own electric power station, but it can also make use of the main city network. According to not completely reliable data, the refinery processes about 90,000-110,000 tons of crude petroleum per year.

Near the refinery are two large tank farms consisting of 12 round and four rectangular tanks, situated three quarters underground and protected by reinforced concrete walls. The refinery is connected by pipeline with the petroleum port and by railroad with the Odessa railroad center. Odessa is the main supplier of petroleum and petroleum products to the entire southern part of the Ukraine.

Baku petroleum goes by pipeline to Batumi, from which point it is carried by tankers to the Odessa petroleum port. After the occupation of Rumania, a considerable amount of the Rumanian petroleum was also directed to Odessa.



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